

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8 (Canceled).

9. (Amended) A method for disambiguating among two or more symbols associated with a key, the method comprising:

detecting a first type of actuation of the key;

in response to the detecting of the first type of actuation, displaying a

representation of the two or more symbols;

detecting a second type of actuation of the key; and

selecting a selected one of the two or more symbols in accordance with the second type of actuation.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 9 wherein the first type of actuation includes pressing the key.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 10 wherein the second type of actuation includes rocking the key.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 9 wherein the key is a virtual key realized in a touch-sensitive device; and

further wherein the first type of actuation includes touching the virtual key

within the touch-sensitive device.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 12 wherein the touch-sensitive device is a touch-sensitive screen.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 12 wherein the second type of actuation is a sliding along the touch-sensitive device.

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15. (New) The method of Claim 9 wherein selecting comprises:
navigating through the representation according to the second type of actuation of the key.

16. (New) A machine readable medium useful in association with a machine which includes a processor and a memory, the machine readable medium including instructions which are configured to cause the machine to disambiguate among two or more symbols associated with a key of the machine by:

detecting a first type of actuation of the key;
in response to the detecting of the first type of actuation, displaying a representation of the two or more symbols;
detecting a second type of actuation of the key; and
selecting a selected one of the two or more symbols in accordance with the second type of actuation.

17. (New) The machine readable medium of Claim 16 wherein the first type of actuation includes pressing the key.

18. (New) The machine readable medium of Claim 17 wherein the second type of actuation includes rocking the key.

19. (New) The machine readable medium of Claim 16 wherein the key is a virtual key realized in a touch-sensitive device; and

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further wherein the first type of actuation includes touching the virtual key within the touch-sensitive device.

20. (New) The machine readable medium of Claim 19 wherein the touch-sensitive device is a touch-sensitive screen.

21. (New) The machine readable medium of Claim 19 wherein the second type of actuation is a sliding along the touch-sensitive device.

22. (New) The machine readable medium of Claim 16 wherein selecting comprises:

navigating through the representation according to the second type of actuation

of the key.

23. (New) A machine comprising:

a processor;

a memory operatively coupled to the processor; and

a data entry module (i) which executes in the processor from the memory and (ii)

which, when executed by the processor, causes the machine to disambiguate among two or more symbols associated with a key of the machine by:

detecting a first type of actuation of the key;

in response to the detecting of the first type of actuation, displaying a representation of the two or more symbols;

detecting a second type of actuation of the key; and

selecting a selected one of the two or more symbols in accordance with the second type of actuation.

24. (New) The machine readable medium of Claim 23 wherein the first type of actuation includes pressing the key.

25. (New) The machine readable medium of Claim 24 wherein the second type of actuation includes rocking the key.

26. (New) The machine readable medium of Claim 23 wherein the key is a

virtual key realized in a touch-sensitive device; and

further wherein the first type of actuation includes touching the virtual key within the touch-sensitive device.

27. (New) The machine readable medium of Claim 26 wherein the touch-sensitive device is a touch-sensitive screen.

28. (New) The machine readable medium of Claim 26 wherein the second type of actuation is a sliding along the touch-sensitive device.

29. (New) The machine readable medium of Claim 23 wherein selecting comprises:
navigating through the representation according to the second type of actuation of the key.
